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HONDURAS: ALLEGED SALVADORAN GUERRILLAS HOLD UP TRUCK

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((TEXT)) A TRUCK FROM LA VIRTUD, LEMPIRA DEPARTMENT, LOADED WITH GRAINS AND PEOPLE WAS HELD UP EARLY SUNDAY MORNING 5 KM FROM LA VIRTUD ON THE HIGHWAY TO CANDELARIA, LEMPIRA DEPARTMENT, BY SIX MEN WITH RIFLES WEARING OLIVE GREEN UNIFORMS.

TROCINIO MARQUEZ NAVARRETE, THE TRUCK DRIVER, SAID THAT AT APPROXIMATELY Ø52Ø, HE AND 24 OTHER PERSONS WERE ON THEIR WAY TO CANDELARIA WHEN THEY WERE FORCED TO STOP AT GUNPOINT NEAR THE VILLAGE EL PORTILLO DE LA TIENDITA, AND FORCED TO GET OFF THE VEHICLE BY THE MEN IN UNIFORM. MARQUEZ NAVARRETE EXPLAINS THAT SINCE IT WAS STILL DARK, HE AND 12 OTHER PERSONS MANAGED TO ESCAPE AND HIDE IN THE WOODS. THE OTHERS WERE NOT ABLE TO DO SO AND THEY WERE ROBBED OF EVERYTHING THEY HAD, JEWELS AND CASH.

"I WILL COUNT TO THREE AND YOU BETTER BEAT IT," THE ONE WHO SEEMED TO BE THE LEADER OF THE GROUP TOLD THEM AND SO THEY DID.

AFTER 30 MINUTES, WE RETURNED TO WHERE THE TRUCK WAS AND ONLY THE BATTERY AND THE KEYS WERE MISSING. THE GUNMEN DID NOT TOUCH THE MERCHANDISE IN THE TRUCK. WITH THE HELP OF THE PASSENGERS WE STARTED THE TRUCK, WHICH IS OWNED BY GREGORIO PORTILLO LOPEZ, AND DROVE BACK TO LA VIRTUD TO REPORT WHAT HAD HAPPENED.

A MILITARY DETACHMENT WAS IMMEDIATELY SENT TO THE SCENE OF THE HOLDUP, BUT THERE WAS NO SIGN OF THE GUNMEN ANYWHERE. THE PERSONS WHO WERE ROBBED BELIEVE THAT THE GUNMEN ARE SALVADORAN GUERRILLAS, WHO FREQUENTLY CROSS INTO HONDURAS TO COMMIT ALL SORT OF CRIMES.
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